

REMARKS

The courtesy extended by Examiners Matzek and Torres-Velazquez at the interview on November 6, 2006, to Applicant and his representatives is greatly appreciated.

Applicant also appreciates the agreement reached with the Examiners at the interview. The amendments to independent claims 1 and 62 implement this agreement. Support for the “continuous or integral” element in claims 1 and 62 can be found on page 8 lines 24-27 (or on paragraph 43 in corresponding publication US 2004/0106364). Support for the loops upstanding from the adhesive layer and “bridging two or more depressed areas,” can be found throughout the specification and specifically in figures 2, 4, 5-6, 14 and 16. No new matter has been added.

Claims 18, 24-34 and 41 have been amended to improve their readability. Mainly, the term “texture composite” was amended to “textured composite.”

New dependent claims 67-91 are added to more fully describe the invention claimed in independent claim 62, which currently has no dependent claims. Support for these claims can be found in originally filed dependent claims 2-61. No new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance, early notice of which is respectfully requested. Since claim 1 is presently allowable and remains generic to withdrawn claims 23-37, consideration of the withdrawn claims is earnestly requested. New dependent claims 78-84 are also directed to this withdrawn Species II. Applicant believes that submission of these claims is appropriate, since the generic independent claims, as amended, are deemed to be patentable by the Examiners.

86 total claims and 2 independent claims are now present and Applicant has previously paid for 67 total claims and 3 independent claims. Hence, the required fee of \$475 for 19 claims is attached. No other fees are believed due for the submission of this amendment other than the fees discussed above. Should any additional fees in fact be due including for an extension of time, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1980.

Respectfully Submitted,

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